

## Daily Eagle

### KILLING A MOOSE.

AN AMATEUR'S EXPERIENCE IN THE GREAT MAINE WILDERNESS.

Blowing a Call on a Birch Bark Trumpet—Lying in Wait for the Game—A Very Severe Attack of the "Buck Ache."

"Three years ago next month," said Capt. Erie Mitlow, the lumber contractor, "I was up in Maine, and as I had never been in the St. John river wilderness I made up my mind to take advantage of a couple of weeks' leisure and spend the time in that country. I hired a guide who was well acquainted with the region—a strapping young fellow, who had grown up in the wilderness and was almost a part of it. His name was John Blye, and he was the third of that name—grandfather, father and son—who had followed the calling of hunter and guide in that part of Maine. He took me a four days' journey northward, and we camped on a stream that emptied into the St. John only a few miles from the state line. Blye assured me all the way up that if there were any moose left in the state we would be sure to find some where we were going, and sure enough we had been in camp but two days when the guide came in one night and said:

"Well, there's a bull moose hanging around here, and if we look sharp we'll get him."

"I was, of course, anxious to know where Blye had seen the moose, but he surprised me by saying that he hadn't seen him at all. I could imagine how he might know there was a moose around, for its tracks and other signs would inform a woodsman of that," said I, "how in the world do you know it's a bull?"

"Because," said Blye, "if it was a cow you would have heard some of the tallest bellowing among these hills every night since we've been here, that you ever heard since you were born."

"Then Blye let me know some secrets about moose. He said that it was then the rutting season, and that while it lasted the cow moose came out from her hiding place and went to the high ridges. There she would stand and send out on the night air her calls for a mate, and, as the call may easily be heard for a distance of two miles, Blye knew that there were no cows anywhere near us, and that the signs he had seen were consequently those of a bull. I was so much afraid that the moose would leave that part of the country and cheat us out of a shot that I was anxious to start right up and give chase to it, but Blye said that if we went to hunting the moose the chances were that it would be half way across New Brunswick before midnight."

A BIRCH BARK TRUMPET.

"If we hunt the bull," said the guide, "he'll give us the slip, but if we let him hunt us we'll get a bull through him. And the way I'll get him to hunt us is to play myself off on him for a cow."

"Blye went in among his hunting traps and brought out something that looked like a dinner horn, except that it was made of birch bark. It was two feet long, three inches in diameter at one end, and tapered off to an inch at the other end.

"He blew softly upon the peculiar trumpet. A mild, modulated and penetrating sound came out of it.

"That's it, on a low key," said Blye. "I haven't forgotten how, and if there is a moose within sound of a call when I open it for business to-night, he is our meat. When I blow this in earnest it will sound as near like the call of the cow moose for the bull as imitation can get it."

"At sundown we started with our rifles for a barren ridge which Blye said lay off two miles to the east of us. It was dark when we reached the spot—a high locality surrounded by dense forest. Blye placed me in ambush behind a clump of bushes, which commanded the barren spot in every direction.

"If a moose answers the call," said the guide, "you will hear him coming some time before you see him. The minute he steps out of the woods into the open, take good aim right back of his fore shoulder and let him have it. When you hear his clappers, begin to get ready, and don't get excited."

"Before I could ask any questions Blye was climbing a tree a few yards away. He got up into the branches and pulled his rifle up, butt foremost, by a piece of twine. The birch bark horn was tied to the rifle. Presently out on that still, crisp October night air rang the weird call of the cow moose, as imitated by the guide on his trumpet. The experimental cry he had given with it at the camp was soft and low compared with the blast. It seemed to go down into the valley in long waves of sound, and lingered an amazing length of time on the air before the last reverberation died away. The novelty of the situation worked me up to the highest pitch of excitement, in spite of the caution of the guide. One moment I was burning with fever and the next my teeth chattered, I grew so cold.

A SOUND AS OF CASTNETS.

"A few minutes after the first call, Blye gave another blast on his trumpet. When the cry had died away the silence seemed to grow more profound, and my suspense was becoming almost unbearable. By and by a sound as of castnets heard in the hands of a dancer, only much louder, broke the awful stillness. The sound came from the woods off to the right of the opening. It was accompanied by short, guttural snorts, like the low-bellowing of a bull.

"Steady there," said Blye, in a low voice, but distinctly. "Make ready, he's coming!"

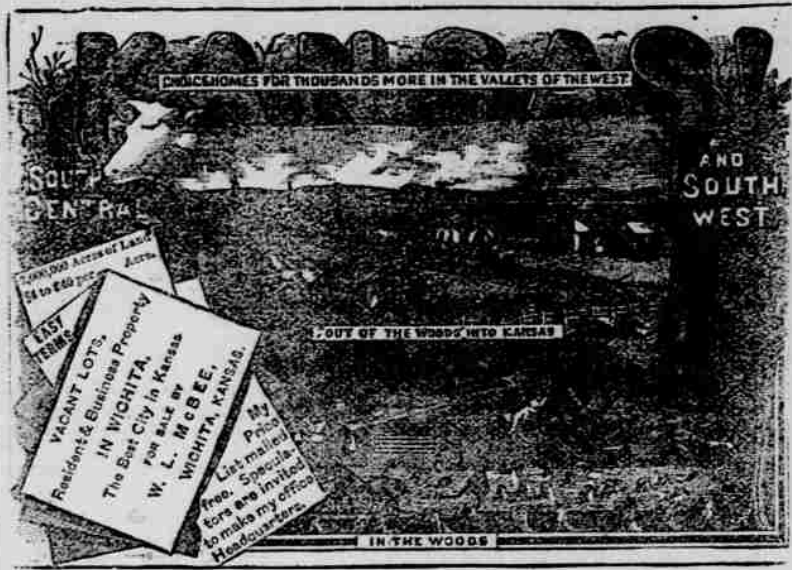
"I began to shake like an aspen. I couldn't hold my rifle still, and I gave up all hope of hitting the moose, as it did not seem that my aim could be held at anything. But I had very short time for reflection. From the edge of the forest, plainly visible in the starlight, came the majestic moose, drawn thither by the false love call. He came prancing into the opening, his great antlered head lifted proudly and thrown gracefully back as if to create the admiration of the mate he came to meet. As he sprang with stately tread into the opening he uttered several short, low, mellow cries and stopped. He was not more than twenty paces away, and his great side was turned squarely toward me. I could not control my hands, and in despair I closed my eyes and fired. Opening my eyes, I saw the huge animal prostrate on the ground where he had stood. The next instant he was on his feet again, and turned as if to dash into the forest. There came a flash of light from the tree where Blye was perched, and once more the noble head fell to the ground, making it tremble as he fell. A second time he arose. I fired again, and this time, by sheer good luck, I sent a ball into his vitals. My first shot hit the animal in the neck instead of behind the forehead. Blye's shot struck where my first one should have hit, and my second entered the moose's kidneys. The animal was so large that it was impossible for us to get it to camp alone. For fear that wolves or something might devour the carcass before morning if we left it on the ridge I watched over it while Blye went four miles to a camp and brought back two other guides to help us get the moose home. The guides agreed that the moose weighed 800 pounds, and the antlers, which were nearly five feet long, the prongs being a foot in width, weighed fifty pounds."—New York Sun.

The Gladstone Anagram.

Excerpts of the late premier, who are also skilful in discovering anagrams, have succeeded in making "I am the Whig who'll be a traitor to England's rule" out of the "Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone." It will be discovered, however, upon investigation, that there is no letter "u" in the latter phrase. The word "rule," therefore, must be spelled "rile."

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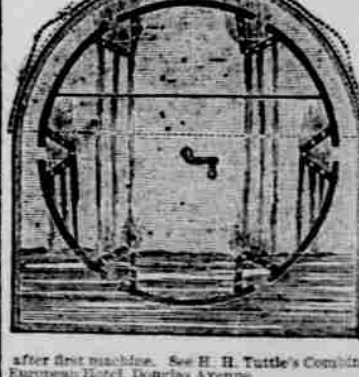
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